WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method for forming a film on a surface of a substrate, the film having an intermediate layer at an interface with the substrate, the method comprising:
- a preliminary oxidation step of forming an oxide layer of the substrate by oxidation thereof; and
- a coating step of coating the surface with a coating material containing at least one of an alloy and a compound, each of which contains an element forming an oxide having a low enthalpy of formation as compared to that of the oxide of the substrate.
- 2. The method for forming a film, according to Claim 1, wherein the coating step further comprises a heating step.
- 3. The method for forming a film, according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the coating step further comprises a pressure applying step.
- 4. The method for forming a film, according to Claim 1, wherein, in the coating step, the film is formed by one of hot press sintering, plasma spraying, hot isostatic pressing sintering, and spark plasma sintering.
- 5. The method for forming a film, according to one of Claims 1, 2 and 4 wherein the coating material comprises a compound containing aluminum as the compound forming an oxide having a low enthalpy of formation as compared to that of the oxide of the substrate.
- 6. The method for forming a film, according to one of Claims 1, 2 and 4, wherein the coating material comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an Ni-Al based alloy, a Pt-Al based alloy, an Fe-Al based alloy, an Mo-Si-Al based alloy, a Co-Al based alloy, a Cr-Al based alloy, an Ir-Al based alloy, and a compound thereof, each of which forms an alumina layer on a surface of a coating layer at a high temperature of 1,000°C or more.
- 7. The method for forming a film, according to Claim 6, wherein the coating

material comprises a molybdenum based compound represented by $Mo(Si_{1-x}Al_x)_2$, wherein x is from 0.05 to 0.6

- 8. The coating material according to Claim 1, wherein the coating material is a composite material which comprises 70% or more of Mo(Si_{1-x}Al_x)₂ on a volume percent basis and at least one selected from the group consisting of TaB₂, HfB₂, MoB, and AlN, wherein x is from 0.05 to 0.6.
- 9. The coating material according to Claim 1, wherein the coating material is a composite material which comprises 50% or more of $Mo(Si_{1-x}Al_x)_2$ on a volume percent basis and at least one selected from the group consisting of SiC and mullite, wherein x is from 0.05 to 0.6.
- 10. The method for forming a film, according to one of Claim 3 wherein the coating material comprises a compound containing aluminum as the compound forming an oxide having a low enthalpy of formation as compared to that of the oxide of the substrate.
- 11. The method for forming a film, according to one of Claim 3, wherein the coating material comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an Ni-Al based alloy, a Pt-Al based alloy, an Fe-Al based alloy, an Mo-Si-Al based alloy, a Co-Al based alloy, a Cr-Al based alloy, an Ir-Al based alloy, and a compound thereof, each of which forms an alumina layer on a surface of a coating layer at a high temperature of 1,000°C or more.
- 12. The method for forming a film, according to one of Claim 5, wherein the coating material comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an Ni-Al based alloy, a Pt-Al based alloy, an Fe-Al based alloy, an Mo-Si-Al based alloy, a Co-Al based alloy, a Cr-Al based alloy, an Ir-Al based alloy, and a compound thereof, each of which forms an alumina layer on a surface of a coating layer at a high temperature of 1,000°C or more.

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- 13. The method for forming a film, according to Claim 11, wherein the coating material comprises a molybdenum based compound represented by Mo(Si_{1-x}Al_x)₂, wherein x is from 0.05 to 0.6.
- 14. The method for forming a film, according to Claim 12, wherein the coating material comprises a molybdenum based compound represented by Mo(Si_{1-x}Al_x)₂, wherein x is from 0.05 to 0.6.